

REMARKS

Claims 69-81, 83-86, and 88 are currently pending in the above-referenced patent application. Claim 69 has been amended and claims 82 and 87 have been cancelled by way of the present amendment.

In the interview summary, documenting the interview between Daniel H. Sherr and Examiner Tran on October 26, 2007, it is stated that "...the examiner believes that the presently claimed invention would be distinguished over the prior art of record if claim 69 would recite the nanoparticles and the polymer ... as gold and poly(urethane)-co-(siloxane) respectively." The applicants have amended claim 69 accordingly and cancelled claims 82 and 87 in compliance with Examiner Tran's request. For these reasons, the Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of the August 8, 2007 Final Office Action are now moot and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action and respectfully submits that all of the stated objections and grounds for rejection have been overcome or rendered moot. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable and that the application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the number below to expedite prosecution.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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